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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH INTERKOSMOS REPRESENTATIVE

REF: FLETCHER/ALEKSANDROV JANUARY 26 LETTER, 75 MOSCOW 18025,
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1. SCICOUNS MET WITH VERESHCHETIN FEBRUARY 17 TO RECEIVE UNOFFICIAL PRELIMINARY REPLY TO FLETCHER/ALEKSANDROV LETTER AND TO ARRANGE TRANSMISSION OF NASA-REQUESTED FILM, "VENUS REVEALS SECRET."
2. VERESHCHETIN MENTIONED THAT WHILE ALEKSANDROV'S OFFICIAL REPLY SHOULD BE READY WITHIN A FEW DAYS HE WOULD LIKE TO GIVE NASA PERLIMINARY INFORMATION ON SOME OF FOUR ITEMS MENTIONED IN LETTER.
3. VERESHCHETIN CLAIMS THAT PRESIDENT ALEKSANDROV SHARES DR. FLETCHER'S WISH NOT TO LOSE MOMENTUM IN POST-ASTP PERIOD.
4. VERESHCHETIN SAID THAT SINCE MAY 20 THERE HAS BEEN DETAILED COMMUNICATION WITH FRUTKIN ON PLANNING OF MEETING FOR POST-ASTP COOPERATION. PRIVATE ESTIMATES WERE GIVEN TO FRUTKIN FROM TIME TO TIME. VERESHCHETIN STATED THAT THERE NEVER HAS BEEN A FORMAL PROPOSAL FOR A FEBRUARY MEETING. PRESENT ESTIMATES MAKE MEETING BEFORE LATE MARCH UNLIKELY, SINCE UPCOMING PARTY CONGRESS WILL NOT PERMIT SERIOUS DECISION ON LONG-RANGE COMMITMENTS BEFORE MIDDLE OF MARCH. IT IS A SERIOUS PROJECT WHICH REQUIRES VERY MUCH ORGANIZATION AND COORDINATION ON ACADEMY'S PART.

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5. VERESHCHETIN STATED THAT HE HAS WRITTEN REPLY TO FRUTKIN, DATED JANUARY 28, PROPOSING THAT JOINT WORKING GROUP ON NEAR-EARTH SPACE, MOON AND PLANETS (EMBASSY LACKS CODE NUMBER FOR THIS WORKING GROUP -- SPACE SCIENCE 04.03?) MEET IN PHILADELPHIA DURING JUNE WHEN SOVIETS WILL BE THERE FOR COSPAR.

6. SOVIETS QUITE DISTURBED ABOUT STRONG WORDING OF FLETCHER LETTER CONCERNING COOPERATION IN SATELLITE METEOROLOGY. VERESHCHETIN GAVE SCICOUNS LIST OF 12 SPACE METEOROLOGY TRANSMISSIONS WHICH HE STATES WERE DELIVERED TO EMBASSY BETWEEN MAY 7, 1975, AND JANUARY 7, 1976. LIST WILL BE TRANSMITTED BY SEPTTEL. HE SINGLED OUT MATERIAL DESCRIBING MAP CONSTRUCTION TECHNIQUES (JUNE 30), LIST OF SOVIET LEADERS IN MICROWAVE DISTANCE MEASUREMENT (OCTOBER 23). AND LETTER WITH EXPLANATIONS OF NOAA AND HYDROMET MAP COMPARISONS (DECEMBER 4) AS EXAMPLES OF MATERIAL THAT ALEKSANDROV (04.0100) KNOWS DID NOT REACH DRS. TEPPER AND JOHNSON. (FYI: EMBASSY RECORDS NOT SUFFICIENTLY DETAILED TO DETERMINE IF THIS MATERIAL WAS RECEIVED FOR TRANSMITTAL TO DEPARTMENT. MATERIAL RELATING TO SOVIET LEADERS IN MICROWAVE DISTANCE MEASUREMENT AND LETTER WITH EXPLANATION OF NOAA AND HYDROMET MAP COMPARISONS MAY HAVE BEEN POUCHED UNDER REGISTRY NUMBERS 1907906, 1907966, 1907118 AND 1907119.

7. EMBASSY HAS NOT INSTITUTED RIGOROUS REGISTRATION OF ALL MATERIALS RECEIVED FROM INTERKOSMOS AND WILL ISSUE NUMBERED RECEIPTS UPON RECEIPT AT EMBASSY. SCICOUNS POINTED OUT TO VERESHCHETIN THAT TRACING WOULD BE EASIER IF ALL MATERIALS WERE IDENTIFIED WITH AGREEMENT CODE TO SUFFICIENT DEPTH. VERESHCHETIN AGREED AND STATED THAT HE RESPONDED POSITIVELY TO SCST INQUIRY ABOUT USEFULNESS OF CODE AND IS READY TO USE IT WHEN SCST RULES TO DO SO. END FYI.)

8. VERESHCHETIN WILL ASSEMBLE DUPLICATES OF APPARENTLY LOST MATERIALS WHENEVER POSSIBLE. EMBASSY WILL POUCH THEM TO DEPARTMENT WITH CODE DESIGNATIONS.

9. EMBASSY POUCHING UNDER REGISTRY NUMBER 1907123, DOCUMENTARY FILM CALLED "VENUS REVEALS SECRET," PART 1. THIS DOCUMENTARY IS ABOUT 20 MINUTES LONG. THIS FILM IS PROVIDED THE UNITED STATES ON LOAN AND REMAINS INTERKOSMOS' PROPERTY. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE UNCLASSIFIED

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